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In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 8299
Gary K. Michelson, M.D.)	
Serial No.: 09/921,851)	Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: August 3, 2001)	Examiner: B. Snow
For: METHOD FOR FORMING A)	
SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE)	
CONFIGURATION (as amended))	

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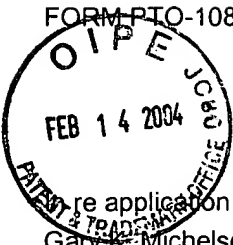
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in reply to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003, in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Applicant hereby requests a ***-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement with 1 document is enclosed.

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TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	54	-	54 **	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	\$ 0
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